

HOUSE BILL No. 1946

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18-31-6; IC 20-10.1; IC 21-3-11-6; IC 21-3-11-9.

Synopsis: Education programs. Provides that the money received from the sale of education license plates is distributed only to educational foundations or school corporations. (Under current law, 25% of the money received funds the school intervention and career counseling development program and fund.) Provides that the department of education may not grant waivers of teacher certification requirements for purposes of school alternative programs. Establishes the school conflict resolution grant program and fund, administered by the department of education, to provide money for school corporations to develop and implement programs that teach conflict management skills to students. Establishes the safe schools educational grant program and (Continued next page)

Effective: July 1, 1997 (retroactive); July 1, 1999.

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January 26, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



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fund, administered by the department of education, to provide money for school corporations to develop and implement educational programs during the school day that promote safety in schools. Increases the maximum annual state grant per student enrolled in an alternative education program. Eliminates the local match requirement for state grants to school corporations for alternative education programs. Uses program enrollment rather than attendance in the computation of the number of full-time equivalent students for which the state alternative education grant provides reimbursement. For the 1999-2001 biennium, appropriates from the state general fund \$6,000,000 to the school intervention and career counseling and development program, \$20,000,000 to the school conflict resolution grant fund, and \$10,000,000 to the safe schools educational grant fund. Increases by \$22,000,000 the 1998-1999 biennial appropriation to the department of education for alternative schools.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-31-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. The fees collected
3 under this chapter shall be distributed as follows:
4 (1) ~~Through December 31, 2001, twenty-five percent (25%) to the~~
5 ~~superintendent of public instruction to administer the school~~
6 ~~intervention and career counseling development program and~~
7 ~~fund under IC 20-10.1-28.~~
8 (2) ~~Through December 31, 2001, seventy-five percent (75%); and~~
9 ~~beginning January 1, 2002, one hundred percent (100%); as~~
10 ~~provided under section 7 of this chapter.~~
11 SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-4.6-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. (a) The program
13 organizer may request the approval from the department for the
14 following:
15 (1) To receive the grant for alternative education programs under



IC 21-3-11.

(2) To be granted waivers from rules adopted by the state board that may otherwise interfere with the objectives of the alternative education program, including waivers of **the following:**

(A) Certain high school graduation requirements.

(B) The length of the student instructional day as set forth in IC 20-10.1-2-1(b).

(C) Required curriculum and textbooks.

(D) ~~teacher certification requirements;~~ and

~~(E)~~ Physical facility requirements.

(b) The department may not grant a waiver for purposes of an alternative program from rules adopted by the state board concerning teacher certification requirements.

SECTION 3. IC 20-10.1-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]:

Chapter 30. School Conflict Resolution Grant Program

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the school conflict resolution grant fund established by section 3 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "grant" refers to a grant from the fund.

Sec. 3. (a) The school conflict resolution grant fund is established. The department shall administer the fund.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations from the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) The fund consists of appropriations from the general assembly.

(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

Sec. 4. A school corporation may apply to the department for a grant from the fund to develop and implement programs that teach students conflict management skills and peaceful resolution of disputes.

Sec. 5. The department shall develop guidelines to implement this chapter. Guidelines developed under this section must include application procedures and reporting requirements.

SECTION 4. IC 20-10.1-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE



AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]:

Chapter 31. Safe Schools Educational Grant Program

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the safe schools educational grant fund established by section 3 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "grant" refers to a grant from the fund.

Sec. 3. (a) The safe schools educational grant fund is established. The department shall administer the fund.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations from the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) The fund consists of appropriations from the general assembly.

(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

Sec. 4. A school corporation may apply to the department for a grant from the fund to develop and implement educational programs during the school day for one (1) or more of the following purposes:

(1) Preventing disorder and violence.

(2) Enhancing the school environment as a safe place.

(3) Increasing student discipline, involvement, and responsibility.

(4) Increasing parental or community involvement or awareness.

(5) Implementing any educational program that promotes safe schools.

Sec. 5. The department shall develop guidelines to implement this chapter. Guidelines developed under this section must include application procedures and reporting requirements.

SECTION 5. IC 21-3-11-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. A qualifying school corporation is eligible to receive a grant from the state for each full-time equivalent student who is enrolled in an alternative education program conducted for the school corporation. The maximum amount that may be granted to a qualifying school corporation in a school year is ~~seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750)~~ **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** per full-time equivalent student. ~~To receive a grant under this chapter,~~



the school corporation must expend in the school year a matching amount of at least two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per full-time equivalent student, on alternative education programs, as determined under the rules adopted by the Indiana state board of education.

SECTION 6. IC 21-3-11-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 9. The number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in an alternative education program during a reporting period is the result determined under STEP SIX of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of alternative education program sessions that were conducted in a reporting period for a qualifying school corporation as follows:

(A) Determine the number of days on which an alternative education program was conducted for an entire morning, as determined under the rules adopted by the Indiana state board of education.

(B) Determine the number of days on which an alternative education program was conducted for an entire afternoon, as determined under the rules adopted by the Indiana state board of education.

(C) Determine the number of days on which an alternative education program was conducted for an entire evening, as determined under the rules adopted by the Indiana state board of education.

(D) Determine the sum of the clause (A), (B), and (C) amounts.

STEP TWO: For each morning, afternoon, and evening session of an alternative education program that is used to determine the STEP ONE result, determine the number of eligible students **attending enrolled in** the sessions.

STEP THREE: Determine the sum of the STEP TWO amounts.

STEP FOUR: Divide the STEP THREE result by the STEP ONE result.

STEP FIVE: Divide the STEP ONE result by three hundred sixty (360).

STEP SIX: Multiply the STEP FOUR result by the STEP FIVE result.

SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) **There is appropriated to the school intervention and career counseling development fund established by IC 20-10.1-28-4 six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from the state general fund for use by the department of education in making grants beginning July 1, 1999, and ending**



1 **June 30, 2001.**

2 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.**

3 SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) There is
4 appropriated to the school conflict resolution grant fund
5 established by IC 20-10.1-30-3, as added by this act, twenty million
6 dollars (\$20,000,000) from the state general fund for use by the
7 department of education in making grants beginning July 1, 1999,
8 and ending June 30, 2001.

9 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.**

10 SECTION 9. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) There is
11 appropriated to the safe schools educational grant fund established
12 by IC 20-10.1-31-3, as added by this act, ten million dollars
13 (\$10,000,000) from the state general fund for use by the
14 department of education in making grants beginning July 1, 1999,
15 and ending June 30, 2001.

16 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.**

17 SECTION 10. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997 (RETROACTIVE)] (a)
18 There is appropriated to the department of education twenty-two
19 million dollars (\$22,000,000) from the state general fund for
20 alternative schools for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and
21 ending June 30, 1999. The amount appropriated by this SECTION
22 is in addition to the amount appropriated to the department of
23 education for alternative schools by P.L.260-1997(ss), SECTION
24 9.

25 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 1999.**

26 SECTION 11. An emergency is declared for this act.

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